

20 October 2016

BOTSWANA INTERNATIONAL 2016

On behalf of the **Botswana Badminton Association** (BBA), we have the pleasure to invite your Association to participate in the Botswana International 2016 (International Series) which will be held from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th December 2016 in Gaborone. Information on the tournament are as follows:

EVENT	BOTSWANA INTERNATIONAL 2016 International Series USD 6,000
VENUE	<u>Lobatse Sport Complex Multipurpose Hall</u> Lobatse, Botswana Practice sessions can be arranged on arrival upon request and will be subject to court availability. In December, the temperature in Botswana varies between 27 to 30°C during the day and at night, it's around 25°C.
DATES	Thursday 8 th – Sunday 11 th December 2016
EVENTS	Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles
VISA	Application for visa must be made to the Botswana Embassy in your country or a neighbouring country. Support letter can be provided upon request from your association. Refer to the attached documents for more information on visa for Botswana. Please note that <u>NO visa on arrival</u> will be delivered.
ACCOMMODATION	<u>Cumberland Hotel / Rest Inn / The Swinburns Guest House</u> Lobatse Price (Full board – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner – all meals at Cumberland Hotel) • Double Room: USD 70 / Person • Single Room: USD 85 / Person Booking (see attached form) and payment must be made by 30-Nov-16 and paid to BBA, to secure availability of rooms. Payment for accommodation and entry fees should be made by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) and proof of payment should be emailed to BBA.

	<p><u>Bank Details:</u></p> <p>Account Name: Botswana Badminton Association Bank: Barclays Bank Botswana Account Number: 273 5677 Branch: Mall Branch Branch Number: 290167 Swift Code: BARC BWGX</p>	
AIRPORT	<p>Gaborone International Airport Airport Code : GBE</p>	
REFEREE	<p>Mr. Emmanuel Kgaboetsile - BOT (BWF Accredited Umpire) Email: ekgaboetsile@debswana.bw</p>	
SHUTTLECOCK	<p>RSL Tourney No 1 (BWF approved)</p>	
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Local transportations will be provided free of charge. The airport is around 60 Km to the hotels. The hotels are all nearby the badminton hall, approximately 2 Km. All Airport transfers (see attached form) must be communicated and confirmed no later than Wednesday 30-Nov-16. Transport is applicable only to and from the official accommodations.</p>	
KEYS DATES	Closing date of entries	Tuesday 08 Nov 2016
	Main and Qualifying Report World Ranking date	Thursday 10 Nov 2016
	Main and Qualifying Report publish on BCA webpage	Friday 11 Nov 2016
	Seeding Report World Ranking date	Thursday 18 Nov 2016
	Seeding Report publish on BCA webpage	Friday 19 Nov 2016
	Last day of withdrawal without penalty	Sunday 20 Nov 2016
	DRAW	Tuesday 22 Nov 2016
ENTRIES	<p>All entries must be made by using the BWF Online Entry System. Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday 08 November 2016 at 23h59 BWF HQ (Kuala Lumpur) time (GMT + 08.00)</p> <p>For online entries, Member Associations must log on to the Botswana International 2016 at: https://bwf.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=653A7E21-ABA0-4892-968F-0420619B7EF4</p>	

	<p>No entry form is needed to submit by online entry system. You require a username and password to submit your entries online. This can be obtained from BWF by contacting Mr Ramachandran s.ramachandran@bwfbadminton.org.</p> <p>All entries must be confirmed by the National Association. Organizers are allowed to refuse entries if players are on the current BWF banned list. No late entries will be accepted.</p>																										
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<p>BWF ID</p>	<p>Players cannot be entered unless they already have a BWF ID-number. In case you wish to enter players who do not have a BWF ID-number, you can now generate new BWF IDs for your players via Tournament Software.</p> <p>If ever you need help to generate new BWF IDs, please contact BWF or BCA (for African countries) well in advance of the tournament, so that the players concerned can be assigned BWF ID-numbers before the closing date of the tournament.</p>																										
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<p>TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING</p>	<p>Thursday 08 December 2016 @ 14h30 in the meeting room of the official Hotel or the Badminton Hall. The tournament will start at 16h30. <u>These schedules are subject to change</u>, please contact the organisers for more details.</p>																										

PRIZE MONEY (IN USD)	Rank	MS	WS	MD	WD	XD
	Winner	725	725	215	215	215
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	Runner up	370	370	120	120	120
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	Semi	180	180	50	50	50
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	Quarter	60	60			
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Entry Fees	30 USD per player and per event					
WITHDRAWALS	Withdrawal of players without penalty is Sunday 20 November 2016 . Players withdrawing after Sunday 20 November 2016 or no-show will have to pay a fine of US\$ 150 and US\$ 500 respectively.					
INSURANCE	Participants must arrange for appropriate insurance (travel, medical, accident, etc). The organisers will not take any responsibility in any case.					
CONDITIONS	<p>The tournament will be played on a knock-out system and in full accordance with the General Competition Regulations of the BWF and the instructions of Badminton Confederation Africa.</p> <p>Competitors must be prepared to play at the times determined for the events for which they have entered. Players shall not plan their departure less than four (4) hours after their last match is plan to conclude. Such a player/pair shall lose all the ranking points gained and Badminton Confederation Africa shall propose to BWF that the gained BWF ranking points are removed.</p> <p>According to the BWF General Competition Regulations, there is no world ranking points for an International with less than 8 entries in (MS, WS, MD, WD and XD). In such a case, the tournament may be cancelled and the organisers will not take any responsibility for any arrangements that may have been already made.</p>					

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We are at your complete disposal for any additional information you may need, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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SECRETARY GENERAL